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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

16th August, 1917

The President of the University of Toronto,

"Maplewood"

Huntsville, Ont.

Return of Medical Students
from service to complete
their education.

My dear Sir Robert,

The following Circular letter was sent officially to General Logie by the Adjutant General on August 14th :-

"Sir:-
With reference to the marginally noted subject, I have the honour, by direction, to state for your information, that notification has been received from the Overseas Authorities that the privilege of returning to Canada to complete their studies, has been extended to students who have completed two years of a four year's course, or three years of a five years course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant"

It will appear from this that the Regulations heretofore in force are not altered. They have been in force as t

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as there stated, in the B.E.F., France, for at least the past two years. I should judge, therefore, that there will not be a very large number of Medical Students returning to complete their Course as my impression is that the majority of such men have been permitted to return. It might be possible to forecast the situation by a comparison of your lists with those from the University on Active Service with the lists of Medical Students in the possession of the Secretary Medical Faculty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Surgeon-General
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In reply please quote

No.

~~Ottawa, 18th August,~~ 1917

The President of the University of Toronto,

"Maplewood"

Huntsville, Ont.

My dear Sir Robert,

I am obliged by the receipt of your note of August 16th and beg to say that with reference to Choir Training my daughter had three years under Dr. Walford Davies Organist at the Temple, in Choir Training as part of her Course at the Royal College in Music.

I am

Very sincerely yours

J. T. Fielding

Alvinston

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Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, Canada,

Sat.
Sept 8:17

My dear Sir Robert.

I am loath to trouble you at this beginning of term when so many more important details are on your hands. But my daughters are going for some time to Beamsville fruit-picking at "The Denny Farm", Beamsville Ont., from the 10th inst. Mr Crowe tells them (the Misses) that he has had no word about the Mass Arrangements for Sunday services, & my object in writing is to let you know that if his services are required she will come back from work at Beamsville if satisfied of the date of the service first held. She has written me about it rather than trouble you personally.

Yours sincerely

J. J. Tolmie

Sir Robt. Borden.
Pres. Council of Canada

September 10th, 1917

Surgeon General J. T. Fotheringham,

Department of Militia,

Ottawa.

My dear General Fotheringham:

I have just returned to my office and will call the committee with regard to the Sunday Sermons, if possible, this week, and will in the meantime speak to Mr. Moore.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 16th, 1917

Surgeon-General Fotheringham,

Militia Department, Ottawa.

My dear General Fotheringham:

At a meeting of the Senate on Friday night I was given authority to nominate a Committee on Military Affairs to deal with the various matters that have arisen on account of the Conscription Act.

I have spoken to you with regard to our position in the case of medical students and I cannot officially send any further word until our committee meets, but the question of dental students was also brought up at the Senate on Friday night, and the Senate approved the principle of exemption for dental as well as for medical students, though the motion cannot be sent until after the committee meets. I understand that representatives of the Dental College are to visit you on Friday, and I am now writing this letter merely in order that I may tell you the position in which we stand to the Dental College.

About a year ago the Dental College came into closer relations with us, and now all their students are registered from their first year as undergraduates in the University, although the Dental College is not a formal Faculty of the University their students are our students. We give them instruction in some subjects; we prescribe their courses and examine them in each year. They are therefore in the closest possible relations to us, and as you know the College has representation on our Senate. Furthermore, every student of that

college is registered only on the condition that if physically fit he will enlist for service in whatever way the military authorities may need his dental training.

The Senate approved the principle of dental students being granted any exemptions that might be granted to medical students, and that any medical enlistment reserve for medical or dental work that you might establish might apply to them. However, as I say when our committee meets I will send you a formal resolution in the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

23rd October, 1917

The President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

School of Massage

Sir,

I have the honour, adverting to a visit which I understand waa recently paid to the University by Major R. Tait Mackenzie with reference to the subject marginally noted, to say that an arrangement will shortly be consummated by which all such matters will be taken over by the Militia Department. A Board of Consultants has been formed and is now on duty and it is hoped in a short time to submit to your favourable consideration certain details as to the curriculum &c. which would satisfy the requirements of the Military Authorities.

This formal notice is sent with a view to your having time to consider the subject somewhat in advance.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. Hahn Brown

Surgeoon-General
For A/ D.G.M.S.
On Command.

(M.I.H.).

December 5th, 1917

Brigadier General J. T. Fotheringham,

Department of Militia, Ottawa.

Dear General Fotheringham:

I have just received a letter from Major Nelson, C.E.F.C., London, in reply to one of mine asking that the same privilege be granted to medical students overseas as are being given to medical students in attendance in our Universities in Canada, that is to say, that those of the second, third, fourth and fifth year should be placed on a reserve list under military instruction. The gist of this Major Nelson writes that the policy by which they are governed in dealing at the present time is that all medical students who have completed one year of a four years' course, or three years of a five years' course at a recognized University, are, as a rule, if in condition, and able to complete their studies in Canada may be returned for that purpose if they so desire. This policy has only said the militia men who had enlisted earlier in the war in medical hospitals in the matter of completing their studies as ever eligible for General Alderson, but apparently is not as generous as we had thought it to be, for we have communications to the effect that students may be returned who can complete their course in 20 months.

The last paragraph of Major Nelson's letter says that the extension of the policy to cover the case of

medical students of no matter which year is not approved by the Headquarters in London unless it meets the approval of and is requested by the Minister of Militia in Ottawa. He suggests that I should take the matter up with him. Will you let me know your opinion in this matter? Probably it would be better for you to take it up direct with the Minister.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,
31st December, 1917

The President of
The University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Leave to Overseas Medical Students to complete professional studies.

Dear Sir Robert,

Correspondence recently arriving from London on the subject marginally noted indicates that the General Officer Commanding Overseas Military Forces of Canada feels that the military situation doesnot permit of the immediate putting into effect of the oponion expressed by the Director of Medical Services O.M.F.C. that such students might now be permitted to resume their professional studies. The letter states that the question may be re-opened in February 1918. This probably means that on the arrival of reinforcements the Medical Students in question may be released to complete their studies. While it does seem that they are being discrimated against when one considers the arrangements made for Under Graduates who have not yet gone Overseas, it should be borne in mind that the terms of their attestation are not being violated with respect to the men now Overseas. It is thought that when the question is taken up again, as suggested, in February 1918 it will be settled as the Universities prefer that it should be. Steps will be taken to submit the matter officially to the Minister but it is suggested that it might be laid before him direct by yourself as well.

Very sincerely yours,

Surgeon-General
A/ D. G. M. S.

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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,

22nd January, 1918

The President of the University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Sir Robert,

Please find enclosed copy of my letter to General Foster in England and of his reply just today received. I am communicating to the same effect with Dr. Rowntree.

With much regard,

Yours sincerely

Surgeon-General
A/ D. G. M. S.

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OVERSEAS MILITARY FORCES OF CANADA

7th January, 1918

A.M.D. 29-0-0

To
The D. G. M. S.
Canadian Militia,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. L. G. Rowntree,
Minneapolis.

My dear Rowntree,

In reply to your unofficial letter of the 19th November, 1917, regarding the gentleman noted in the margin --

I wish to say that I have taken up the question of this gentleman's employment, with the O. C. No. 4 Canadian General Hospital, who, by the way, had just received a communication from the President of Toronto University regarding him. Colonel Henry is quite decided in his views on the point and had already written to the President stating that he did not wish to bring Dr. Rowntree over for one of the senior positions, and has asked that only junior men be brought as reinforcements to the Hospital.

I also took up the question of an exchange as set forth in your letter but this I fear would cause the same friction that occurred in the Ontario Hospital at Orpington.

In fact, officers coming from Canada can only be taken with the rank of Captain and as such will be junior to all Captains now serving Overseas.

As the Universities will shortly want to recall their teaching staff, who are among our very senior men, it is a matter of careful consideration at the present time, as to whether their successors could not be taken from men of good professional standing who are of junior rank, and carry on their assistant's duties quite as well as if they were given a senior rank.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) G. L. Foster.

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UNOFFICIAL

Ottawa, 19th Nov., 1917

The Director of Medical Services,
Overseas Military Forces of Canada,

Fernwood House, 133 Oxford Street,
London, W. 1, England.

Dr. L. G. Rowntree,
Minneapolis.

My dear Foster,

You have my thorough sympathy in the matter of the trouble about Drs. Futcher and McCrae and with regard to the ambitions of some of the Officers in the C. A. M. C. The trouble with some of them is they fancy their own services at a much higher rate than some of their superiors are able to do.

It is possible that Rowntree might serve with you by being exchanged for a position in the Staff of No.4 Canadian General Going as an exchange instead of a reinforcement, which might avoid the trouble which occurred with regard to the other two. I shall let Rowntree know of your decision and some time ago mentioned his name to the President of the University as a possibility if he wished the services of any of his own physicians in connection with the teaching in the Medical Faculty.

Cotter is just home and I have had some talk with him but not yet very much. Our affairs are quite unsettled yet.

I have not seen McCombe yet but hope to be able to carry on long enough to get the situation at least fairly well in hand.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) J.T.FOTHERINGHAM

Surgeon-General

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January 24th, 1941

Surgeon General Fetherstonhaugh,

Ottawa.

Dear General Fetherstonhaugh:

Many thanks for your letter enclosing copies of a letter received from General Foster in reply to yours. I am a mere to the effect that Colonel Healy would not remain Commissioner. I regret very much interviewing with Dr. Chassinat.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY, MILITIA COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

AND QUOTE No. HQ.1211-2-29.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, May 14th, 1918.

To-
Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

It has been recommended that the services of the gentlemen, whose names are noted below, be secured for the giving of lectures at the Military School of Orthopaedic Surgery, Toronto:

Professor McMurrich, Dept. of Anatomy;
" Burton, " " Physics;
" MacLeod " " Physiology.

2. These gentlemen have already signified their willingness and it will be greatly appreciated if the concurrence of the University Authorities may be given.

3. As arrangements have been made for officers to attend the course, the favour of a reply at an early date is requested, please.

Yours truly,

Surgeon-General,
A/Director-General
of Medical Services.

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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada.

7th June, 1918

The President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert,

I am enclosing, in reply to your letter of June 6th, a copy of a letter sent to Dean Clarke yesterday with reference to Major R. G. Armour. This letter will, I think, put the situation before the University in a more accurate light.

Very sincerely yours,

Surgeon-General
A/ D. G. M. S.

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June 8th, 1918

Surgeon General J. T. Fotheringham, C.M.G.,

Ottawa.

My dear General Fotheringham:

Many thanks for your letter with a copy of your reply to Dean Clarke. I can quite understand that there are many difficulties in the situation, and I did not write at all with the feeling that we should secure anything for Toronto or the University as over against any other centre. It simply seemed to me that from what I had heard the work could be very well done by Armour here. However, I do not feel at present like pressing the matter any further.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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CANADA.

My dear Mr. Falconer.

I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the kindness of the Board in again forwarding cheque for stipend as Assoc. Prof. of Medicine & Clinical Medicine, for 1917-18.

Very sincerely yours.

14th June '18. J. T. Bingham

The Registrar
University of
Toronto

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June 24th, 1918

Surgeon General J. T. Fotheringham, C.M.G.,

Ottawa.

My dear General:

After consultation with Dean Clarke with regard to the recall of Lt.-Colonel Graham Chambers I think that I might as well defer the matter until I go to England, as I am expecting to do about the middle of July. I will then see Sir Edward Kemp and possibly may be able to see Chambers himself. The arrangements that have been made with the military and the Hospitals may create difficulties with regard to services and of course if we ask for Chambers we shall have to provide a service for him at once. However, as I said before we shall endeavour to do the best we can for you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.